

REMARKS

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in that the inclusion of the terms "alkenyl or alkynyl" are asserted to be new matter. Applicant respectfully disagree with the position taken by the Examiner, but in the interest of moving this application toward allowance, claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection in light of the foregoing amendments and these comments is respectfully requested.


The application has been amended to further distinguish the application over the prior art, and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention so as to place the application, as a whole, into a prima facie condition for allowance. Great care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing modifications.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that its claim 1, as amended, is in condition for allowance at this time, patentably distinguishing over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitations in the present application which will be effective to define the patentable subject matter if the present claims are not deemed to be adequate for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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